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Government Press.*Appointments in the Government Press.*

* 376 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: With reference to question No. 10 answered at the meeting of the 3rd February 1925 regarding appointments in the Government Press, will the hon. Member for Finance be pleased to state—

- (a) how many applications were received from the members of the depressed classes, the posts for which they applied, and how many of them were appointed since 24th November 1922 to 24th November 1924; and
- (b) if the Government have no information, whether they will call for the information?

A.—(a) The Government have no information.

(b) The Government consider that there are no sufficient reasons for embarking on a general inquiry of this nature. If the hon. Member desires information in regard to any particular case, the Government will endeavour to secure the information.

Mr. R. SRINIVASAN:—“ May I ask whether it is a fact that the Vanniya community has been monopolising almost all the appointments in the Mount Road branch and in the Mint Buildings.”

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM:—“ I am not aware of that, Sir.”

Local Boards and Municipal Councils.*Contribution of local bodies towards flood relief.*

* 377 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self Government be pleased to state—

- (a) whether several local bodies were allowed to contribute towards flood-relief;
- (b) how many taluk boards and municipalities so contributed;
- (c) whether he refused to approve of such contributions in any case;
- (d) if so, the instances and the reasons for such disapproval; and
- (e) whether these local bodies had any previous intimation or warning that such disallowance might follow their action?

A.—(a) to (d) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to answer to question No. 242.

(e) The local bodies were directed to afford relief to the poor affected by floods in their areas only so far as the funds at their disposal permitted. No other warning was given.

Representation of Vanniyakula Kshatriyas in the Vellore taluk board.

* 378 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) whether there is any member of the Vellore taluk board representing the Vanniyakula Kshatriya community;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Nayudu community is over-represented in the taluk board, whereas the Vanniyakula Kshatriyas are not represented in it;
- (c) why the claims of this community were overlooked at the time the last set of nominations to this taluk board was made;

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(d) whether any members of this community applied for being nominated at the time the last set of nominations was made; and
 (e) if so, the reasons for not appointing one of them?

A.—Members of taluk boards are appointed by the President of the District Board. The Government have no information.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—“Should the Government take no responsibility to see that these local bodies are exercising their right of nomination equitably as regards unrepresented classes?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“The Government have been occasionally issuing instructions to the district boards as to the representation of various communities. Discretion is left to the Presidents of District Boards. The matter is one to be considered by them.”

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—“Since this particular case has been brought to the notice of the department, would it not be better if the attention of the local bodies concerned is drawn to them?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“If particular instances are brought to the notice of the Government, they will have no objection to issue instructions to the Presidents.”

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—“In view of the fact that a large number of nominations have to be made, will not the Government think it necessary to issue general instructions reminding presidents of local bodies of their duties?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“The request will be considered.”

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—“In view of the remarks of the hon. the Chief Minister, will the Government be so good as to enquire into this particular matter I have referred to?”

Censure on the Trichinopoly municipal council.

* 379 Q.—**Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB:** Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government ascertained from the municipal council of Trichinopoly the truth of the allegations before they passed G.O. No. 609, L. & M., dated 7th March 1924, censuring the municipal council; if not, why not;

(b) whether it is a fact that, when the Inspector of municipal councils inspected the Trichinopoly municipality between the 11th and 16th of April 1924, the then chairman requested the Inspector to give him an opportunity of presenting an explanation of the alleged objectionable points in his administration and that the Inspector gave the chairman an assurance that he would do so;

(c) whether it is a fact that the entire correspondence regarding the administration of the Trichinopoly municipality beginning from G.O. No. 609, L. & M., and ending with chairman's explanations therefor was asked by the municipal council of Trichinopoly to be placed on the table of that council; and

(d) if so, whether the chairman has placed them before the council and at what time?